

THISTLES.

A poor family in Green Bay had to mortgage their six dogs to get a barrel of flour last week. The case is truly pitiful.

A reporter on a Western paper wrote, Yesterday morning, Winter and Spring kissed each other in the sunrise, and each spread its choicer favor on the purple air. He was married next day.

An editor, who speaks with the air of a man who has discovered a new fact by experience, says that the only way to prevent bleeding of the nose is to keep the nose out of other people's business.

A dog with two tails was seen in Germantown the other day. One belonged to an ox, and was carried in the mouth of the canine.

A Sioux City hotel has a black and tan dog that killed a thousand rats in a month. This is a good puff for the dog, but hard on the hotel.

An exchange says: Keep an eye out for the early resumption of payment. Both of our eyes are already out looking for it, and are our elbows.

A pack of wolves in Sherburne Co., Minnesota, chased a couple of lawyers five miles, and the New Orleans Republican thinks it showed a lack of professional courtesy.

One can judge something of the patience of Hoosiers from the statement of an Illinois paper that twenty men hanged over thirty-five cords of wood to get at a rabbit.

A Kentucky editor tells this: We best of a gentleman in this city who, when he happens to get intoxicated, goes to his room, gives himself a good scolding, after which he inflicts a severe chastisement upon himself with a stout switch and winds up by making himself promise himself to behave himself, in default of which he will get another and more severe whipping.

When Arthur was a very small boy his mother reprimanded him for some misdeemeanor. Not knowing it his father began to talk to him on the same subject. Looking up into his face, Arthur said, solemnly, My mother has tended to me.

Says the Milwaukee Sentinel: An old Milwaukee humorist, when he read that the women were emptying barrels of whiskey into the gutters pathetically exclaimed, What happiness to be an Ohio gutter!

At a recent tea party in the Highlands, a young man who had been relating his more than wonderful exploits in the various parts of the globe, was not a little set back by the reply of an old trumper. Young man, are you not ashamed to talk so when there are older bars at the table?

A young man who was married in Detroit six months ago, has joined in the discussion of the question of family economy, but his contribution is far from satisfactory. I do not, he says, understand how it is. I used to figure it out as I sat with my arms around her waist Sunday nights, that all it would cost to live would be \$2.50 a week, and now I spend \$15, and am hungry half the time.

A Kentucky legislator was recently missed for three days. The fourth found him back in his seat. To the inquiries of his friends he replied that he had been sick. Being asked what the matter was, he replied; Well, some folks calls it nervous chills; others pronounce it a kind of affection of the heart; but to be candid, I call it a plain case of old-fashioned drunk.

Pat, said a traveler, why did you make the stone wall around your shanty so thick? Why, please your honor, I hear they have extrormoy high winds in Ameriky, so I thought if I built it about as thick as it was high, if it should blow over, it would be just as high as it was before, yer honor.

The following is the recommendation lately given by a lady to her departing servant: The bearer has been in my house a year—nearly eleven months.—During this time she has shown herself diligent—at the house door; frugal—in work; mindfull—of herself; prompt—in excuses; friendly—towards men; faithful—to her master; and honest—when everything had touched.

We are very sorry indeed, to learn that a German chemist has succeeded in making a firewater brandy out of sawdust. We are a friend of the temperance movement, and we want it to succeed, but that chance will it have when a man can take up saw and go out and get drunk with a few rai? What is the use of a prohibition liquor law if a man is able to make brandy smashes out of the shingles on his roof, or if he can get drunks tremors by drinking the legs of his chicken chairs? You may shut an inebriate out of a gin shop, and keep him away from taverns, but if he can become uprooted on boiled saw-dust and desiccated window-sills, any effort at reform must necessarily be a failure. It will be wise therefore if the temperance societies scatter that German chemist before he goes any further. His recipe ought not to be made public. He should be stuffed with distilled hoard barrels until he perishes with *miasma a potu*. —*Max Adeler*.

Mr. Pullman, of Hatboro, doesn't take as much interest in the study of natural history as he used to. He has a fine aquarium, and on Wednesday he thought he would spend half an hour studying the movements of the fish and other animals in it. He was particularly interested in the capers of a large pickerel, and he thought he would peer over the edge of the tank and see how the fish looked through the water. The nose of Mr. Pullman is long and red; and as it projected over the water it naturally attracted the attention of the pickerel. The fish darted toward it, and snapped at it, and the next moment Mr. Pullman was running up stairs with a three pound pickerel hanging to his nose. When they knocked it loose (the fish, not the nose) the nose began to swell, and it is now as large as a Bartlett pear. It would make a splendid nose for bat, but although Mr. Pullman is exceedingly fond of fish he will probably not use it for that purpose continually. He has soured on piscatorial sport.—*Max Adeler*.

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